

troops, in a clash with bandits at Mercedes on Tuesday night, captured a pretentious battleflag bearing the "army's" inscription. The War Department, while withholding comment, believes, officials say, that the bandits are using the flag as an excuse for widespread brigandage. The American troops also captured a handbill which read:

"Mexicans: Today we will accomplish a sacred debt. The revolution has acquired in a few days gigantic proportions. We unite as brothers to expedite these fortunes of ours. In these solemn moments we will vindicate our rights and justice for all time. May the light shine upon us in all our undertakings and may it crown our forces in all manners. Contemplate this movement, initiated in Texas, which is of such consequence as to bring about the peace and justice we long for!"

Some of the ponies captured by the American troops had been stolen from American ranchers. Others came from across the Rio Grande. The ponies will be turned over to the Texas civil authorities. Troops C and D of the Twelfth Cavalry kept up the hunt all Tuesday night, but failed to locate the bandits.

Wilson Approves Plan Of Latin-Americans

President Wilson today gave his final approval to the plan mapped out by the Pan-American-Mexican conference for a settlement of the Mexican problem.

Following an hour's conference with the President, Secretary of State Lansing indicated this afternoon that all that remained before the sending of the final "get-together" appeal to the various Mexican elements was for the State Department to complete the physical task of printing the appeal circulars and arranging for their distribution throughout Mexico.

What the appeal will say or what it may be expected to lead to was not indicated by Mr. Lansing or the White House. Born in secrecy, the plan has not yet seen the light of day. No arrangements have been made as yet for its publication in this country. The American people and a great many of the officials of the Government will possess their souls in patience.

Situation Serious. All signs today confirmed that impression. It is serious not alone because of the defiant attitude of Carranza and the rapidly moving events in Mexico, but because of the strong probability that what the United States has mapped out would not be at all in accord with the pronounced views of the Latin-American conferees against armed intervention.

Men of the army and navy are expecting war. They see no other outcome if Carranza maintains his present attitude. From the deliberations of the Pan-American conference they expect nothing more promising than what resulted from the Niagara Falls mediation fiasco. If watchful waiting is to be forever left behind they see a policy of blood and iron will sooner or later have to take its place, Latin America to the contrary notwithstanding.

Could Not Resist Carranza. Among army and navy officials little hope is expressed that the appeal to the Mexican factions will result in the establishment of a government able to resist Carranza, should the latter, as now seems likely, refuse to become a party to the agreement.

For this reason there is a feeling, amounting almost to a conviction, among members of the service that armed intervention is an inevitable outcome of the Administration's disposition to ignore the claims of Carranza for recognition. In view of this they contend that it is suicidal for the United States to withhold action in establishing an embargo.

Convinced that Carranza will fight, and suspicious of Villa, the men of the army and navy believe that within a few months the arms and ammunition now going into Mexico will be used against American soldiers.

Should the officers in both branches of the service succeed in impressing their views on the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, there is a prospect that the cabinet meeting will find a sharp difference of opinion and a marked opposition to the plan of the State Department to delay the establishment of an embargo, until a reasonable time has been given the factions to get together.

Argentina Against Force. That the Argentine ambassador to the United States, as well as the ambassador from Brazil, has flatly informed the United States that his government will not subscribe to any interference in the internal affairs of Mexico, or to any move which might lead to armed intervention, was definitely established today when the Carranza agency made public a response received by Carranza from the President of Argentina, to the First Chief's protest against such interference.

Explaining the presence of Ambassador Naon at the conference, the minister of foreign affairs of Argentina informed Carranza in the following words:

"I am directed by the President to reply to you that the Argentine government in having a representative at the conference has done so not only in accordance with its traditional policy, but also to reaffirm it in the face of a problem which, by affecting the destinies of Mexico, will equally affect the great American family. The above mentioned conference has been based from its inception on the understanding that any act or design which might mean an interference in the internal affairs of Mexico should be eliminated beforehand, and, above all, any purpose of armed intervention."

Officials Baffled. In view of this, the first definite expression from one of the Latin-American parties to the conference, as to the position assumed by Latin-America

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Unsettled tonight and Friday probably showers; gentle to moderate southeast to south winds.

Maryland—Unsettled tonight and Friday, with probable showers; gentle to moderate southeast to south winds.

Virginia—Showers tonight and Friday; partly cloudy; moderate winds, mostly southerly.

TEMPERATURES.

U. S. BUREAU	AFFLECK'S.
8 a. m. 72	8 a. m. 79
9 a. m. 75	9 a. m. 81
10 a. m. 77	10 a. m. 82
11 a. m. 77	11 a. m. 81
Noon 74	Noon 80
1 p. m. 75	1 p. m. 79

TIDE TABLE.

High tide 8:56 a. m. and 9:21 p. m.
Low tide 3:06 a. m. and 3:33 p. m.

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises 5:11 Sun sets 6:57

Light automobile lamps at 7:57 p. m.

Carranza Scores U. S. And Latin-Americans

General Carranza, through his agency here, has authorized the publication of a scathing arraignment of the Latin-American conference, the White House and financial interests on both sides of the border, written by Gen. Heriberto Jara, constitutionalist.

"I am informed the American Department of State has suggested to the A. B. C.'s the idea of interfering in a direct manner in our affairs," he says; "that it is proposed to impose on us a President who will be supported by the White House by force of arms."

"If such a thing is accomplished by Mexican and foreign Jews who from the other side of the border speculate in a scandalous and criminal way with our misfortune, and if the Washington Government considers the highway robbery of the bandits of Wall Street more worthy of protection and esteem than the autonomy of a country, I energetically protest against an outrage of such character."

Cannot Be Justified. "It cannot be justified either in the name of civilization or the principles of humanity, inasmuch as if such sentiments be inspired the Washington Government and the A. B. C.'s, they should begin their task by interfering with the European war where civilization and humanity have received the hardest blows, instead of beginning with Mexico, which is a poor and weak country, which makes such interference less just and decorous because we are not fighting for the preponderance of commerce. You may rest assured, General Carranza, that the working classes now with me will follow your patriotic example and to defend national autonomy with arms in hand."

General Jara there spoke as former supervisor of labor in Vera Cruz. In another message from Gen. Carlos Tejeda, as leader of the brigade, to Carranza, he says:

"I assure you that all of us to the last soldier will follow you to sacrifice. Several other generals have wired General Carranza that they will shed their blood rather than submit to foreign interference."

Won't Attend Conference. Eleven of General Carranza's military leaders, including Obregon, Gonzalez and Trevino, have wired him that they will not attend any peace convention he does not approve, the Carranza agency announced today.

Each declared himself in accord with Carranza's unwillingness to compromise his principles by an agreement with the reactionaries. These commanders had heard that the Latin-American conference would ask them to send representatives to such a conference.

The statement continues: "All constitutionalists on the border believe the pacification of Mexico must be according to the plan of Guadalupe; otherwise serious complications must arise. The populace would claim they had been deceived and betrayed just as the Registas, Yaquistas, and Huertistas claimed Madero was false to the plan of San Luis Potosi in compromising with Diaz."

MARYLAND TOWN RISING LIKE MAGIC
New Munitions Plant Brings Frantic Rush Along Bear Creek.

BAITMORE, Aug. 12.—A town is rising on the Turners estate, near Bear Creek, where the Bartlett-Hayward people are speeding things for the shell-filling plant for the handling of their \$12,000,000 war munitions contract.

Negotiations for the land were completed only last Friday and work on the buildings was not begun until Monday morning, yet within three days a marvelous change has been wrought. More than a half of the land has been erected, with the post holes already dug for an additional half mile to complete the barrier about the munitions works; a half mile spur railroad has been thrown into place, three large frame buildings and several smaller ones have been raised, and the foundations have been marked, trenched and part of the concrete poured for the substructure of the shell-filling plant.

One of these buildings is to be more than 300 feet long by 60 feet wide; the foundation trench for the second building shows it to be about twenty feet shorter.

The fence rises seven feet high and will effectively prevent any trespassing on the work in the munitions plant property. A runner of barbed wire, two feet higher, will top the fence and extend around the entire inclosure.

This inclosure is three-cornered. One side runs at right angles from the Patuxent river, straight back to the tracks of the Baltimore and Sparrows Point railroad; thence paralleling the track for more than half a mile, runs the "inshore" fence, and toward the Solers Point end of the property the fence again turns at right angles to the waters of the Patuxent.

A corps of surveyors as anchored off the shore line all of yesterday morning, taking soundings, and it is probable that today or tomorrow plans will be grafted for the pier work to give the plant a direct water route to the allied bases in Europe.

PURE LARD A Pound 10c
KELLOGG'S TOASTED CORN FLAKES 8c pkg.
Sunnybrook Eggs, 22c Doz. Best Cane Sugar, lb. 6c
Peanut Butter, lb. 11c Huyler's Almond Bars, 3 for 10c
A & P Sliced Beef, 2 jars 25c Mason Jars, Quarts, .50c Dozen

Irish Potatoes, 14c pk.
Choice No. 1 Potatoes, Easy to Peel or Pare, Special, 14c Pk. for the Balance of the Week.

Sweetheart SOAP 2 Cakes 7c
A & P Baked BEANS 2 No. 3 Cans 25c
—Pure— JELLY 7c Tumbler

Lowell Indoor CLOTHES LINE and REEL Each 15c
Select Sugar-cured Hams, lb., 17c
Cured from young, select tender pigs—any size you want.

A & P Grape Juice—medium bottle, 10c; large bottle, 20c.
BIG MAIN STORE, 607 7th St. N. W.

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KLEINDIENST AND GRIMES INDICTED

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a felony, making a possible maximum penalty of twenty-four years' imprisonment.

Compounding a felony means that an official agrees with the lawbreaker not to prosecute, for a reward, while misprision of a felony means the ignoring of an offense coming to the notice of an officer.

A second count in this indictment alleges that both Brawner and Branson conducted a gambling place from October 15, 1912, and that the two defendants accepted money to protect them from prosecution, while the third count alleges that Branson paid the specific sum of \$4 on March 25, 1915.

The indictment charging extortion

and misprision of a felony was brought under sections 145 and 146 of the Federal penal code. Practically the only difference between them and the other indictments is that the defendant in Branson and Brawner money from Branson and Brawner under a threat of informing on them.

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Annual August Sale of Furniture and Home Needs
Palais Royal
A. Lisner, G and 11th Sts. Hours: 8:15 to 5

The Basement Store
49c and 88c
Porch and House Dresses of Amoskeag gingham, percales, and lawns. All sizes in one lot or the other.

Silk Waists 93c
Values to \$2
Muslin Underwear 39c
Values to 75c
Palm Beach Suits \$3.65
Also Silk and Wool
Wash Dresses \$2.98
Values to \$8

Wash Waists 39c
Values to 69c
Merino Underwear 16c
Seconds of Best 29c Grades
Untrimmed Hats 8c
Just 37 in the lot
Silk Dresses \$8.98
Values to \$20

Wash Skirts
Values to \$1.50 50c
Tailored Skirts, with patch pockets and belts. Materials include superior ratine in white and colors, rep, linene, pique. This includes every wash skirt in the Bargain Basement.

6 cakes Babbitt's Soap and 1 Package of 1775 Soap 25c
Crumb Pan & Scraper, 15c
Bread Box, roll top, white or oak color.

Wash Bowls 15c
Covered Chambers, 15c

Chamber Pails 98c
White enameled inside and outside, with ball handle. \$1.45 value.

39c
Enameled Water Pail, blue and white, outside, white inside. 12-qt. size. 69c value.

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